IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re U.S. Patent Application of HARADA et al. Application Number: 09/944,410 **Unit 1772** Filed: September 4, 2001 **Examiner** REMOVAL METHOD FOR COATING OF MIGGINS, MICHAEL C. For: POLYMER COATED GLASS CAPILLARY TUBING AND POLYMER COATED GLASS GROUP 1700 **CAPILLARY TUBING** Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0017 **Honorable Assistant Commissioner** for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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[] The fee for submission of additional claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	5	5	(Over 20)	x \$18	0	
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$84	0	
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, the period for response to which is set to expire on April 26, 2003. Applicants hereby provisionally elect the continuing prosecution of Group I, Claims 1-4, without traverse.

REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated March 26, 2003, the period for response to which will expire on April 26, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Group I, Claims 1-4 and to indicate the allowability of the claims. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claim.